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Earl Roger Singleton

Serial No.: 10/647,758

Filed: August 25, 2003

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Art Unit: 3671

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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

**Total Claims** 16 - 20 or HP = 20 x 20 = .00

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**Indep. Claims** 3 - 3 or HP = 4 x 200 = .00

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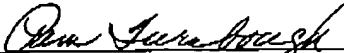
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121, the present amendment is submitted in separate sections as follows.

1. **Amendments** to the Claims, presented as a Listing of Claims, begin on page 2 of this paper.
2. **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.
3. **Conclusion** is on page 9 of this paper.

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